

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the **ASDV Shareholder Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 17th November, 2020

## **PRESENT**

Councillor S Carter (Chairman)  
Councillor M Goldsmith (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Brown, S Handley and L Smetham

Co-opted Members: J Kalnins and J Newton

## **Officers**

Frank Jordan, Executive Director Place  
Alex Thompson, Director of Finance and Customer Services  
Asif Ibrahim, Head of Legal Services  
Julie Gregory, Legal Services  
Vicki Godfrey, Business Delivery Manager  
Paul Mountford, Executive Democratic Services Officer

## **14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest as a former Chairman of CERF.

Councillor L Smetham declared a non-pecuniary interest as a former Director of Orbitas.

## **15 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **RESOLVED**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

## **16 QUARTERLY COMPANY DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

The Committee received the latest available quarterly strategic reports (Q2 2020/21 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020) from the following companies:

### **ANSA Environmental Services Ltd**

The following attended the meeting to present the report and answer members' questions:

Kevin Melling – Managing Director  
Jane Thomason – Deputy Managing Director  
Tracy Baldwin – Group Finance Manager

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman thanked the representatives who, apart from Mr Melling, then left the meeting.

### **Orbitas Bereavement Services Ltd**

The following attended the meeting to present the report and answer members' questions:

Councillor David Marren – Chairman  
Kevin Melling – Managing Director  
Mark Darbyshire – Chief Operating Officer  
Helen Green – Accountant

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman thanked the representatives, who remained in the meeting for the following item relating to the Orbitas business plan.

The Committee would consider the quarterly strategic reports further following the presentation of the business plan.

### **17 ASDV BUSINESS PLANS 21/22 REVIEW**

The Committee considered the business plan of Orbitas Bereavement Services Ltd.

The following had remained in the meeting to present the business plan and answer members' questions:

Councillor David Marren – Chairman  
Kevin Melling – Managing Director  
Mark Darbyshire – Chief Operating Officer  
Helen Green – Accountant

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Chairman thanked the Orbitas representatives who then left the meeting.

As requested at the last meeting, the Executive Director of Place gave an update on the Orbitas contractual position to assure the Committee that its renewal was being pursued as quickly as possible but following due diligence.

The Committee gave further consideration to the Orbitas business plan and to the quarterly strategic reports for Ansa and Orbitas.

## **RESOLVED**

That

1. the quarterly strategic reports of Ansa and Orbitas be noted, it being accepted that the figures within the reports were subject to change;
2. the business plan for Orbitas be noted; and
3. the Committee review the business plan further at its meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.18 pm

Councillor S Carter (Chairman)